Chapter 110: The Party of Heroes

ALL RIGHT, FRIEREN.
TIME TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF.
...
I CAN'T KEEP HIDING THIS FROM EVERY-ONE.
I CAME FROM THE FUTURE, OVER 80 YEARS FROM NOW.
...
I SEE.
DO YOU BELIEVE ME?
WELL, AFTER WHAT WE SAW YOU DO, IT'S NOT SO HARD TO BELIEVE.
AND YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE.
STILL... 80 YEARS FROM NOW, HUH?
I CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE.
WE'LL PROBABLY BE DEAD BY THEN.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SO, FRIEREN ...
DO WE SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THE DEMON KING?
WELL...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?
IT DOES.
THE DEMON KING HAS REIGNED OVER ALL DEMONS FOR MORE THAN A MILLENNIUM.
SINCE THEY FIRST APPEARED IN THE HISTORY OF HUMANITY AND THE WAR BEGAN...
...MANY FAMOUS HEROES HAVE CHALLENGED THE DEMON KING.
NONE HAVE MANAGED TO DEFEAT HIM.
THAT'S TRUE.
EVEN THE HERO OF THE SOUTH COULDN'T DO IT.
FRIEREN.
I'M GUESSING THAT THE WAR BETWEEN HUMANITY AND THE FORCES OF THE DEMON KING WILL STILL BE GOING ON 80 YEARS FROM NOW.
DO WE MANAGE TO LEAVE ANY MARK ON HISTORY AT ALL?
WHAT DO YOU GAIN FROM ASKING THAT QUESTION?
I JUST...
WOULD YOU BACK DOWN FROM CHALLENGING THE DEMON KING IF YOU KNEW THAT WE COULDN'T DEFEAT HIM?
I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD.
NO MATTER HOW IT TURNS OUT, WE'LL KEEP FIGHTING.
WE'RE THE PARTY OF HEROES, AFTER ALL.
...THAT'S RIGHT.
ANYWAY, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET BACK TO THE FUTURE?
NO CLUE AT ALL, ACTUALLY.
I THOUGHT I COULD RETURN IF I TOUCHED THE MONUMENT OF THE GODDESS. I TRIED AND NOTHING HAPPENED.
TAP TAP
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE SPELL WORKS TO BEGIN WITH.
WELL, IT *IS* THE MAGIC OF THE GODDESS.
WHO KNOWS WHAT OTHER FORCES ARE AT WORK?
THAT MEANS WE'LL BE SPENDING SOME TIME LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RETURN YOU TO THE FUTURE.
I SUPPOSE SO.
LET'S HEAD TO THE NEAREST TOWN.
THE MAGES' GUILD AND THE CHURCH ARE THERE.
WE MIGHT FIND SOME CLUES.
INN
WE DIDN'T FIND A SINGLE THING.
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO COME UP WITH ANY LEADS, BUT STILL...
SEEMS LIKE THIS IS GOING TO TAKE A WHILE.
...
SORRY...
...FOR DRAGGING YOU INTO THIS MESS.
NO, IT'S FINE.
THE BIGGER THE CHALLENGE, THE BETTER!
THIS IS EXCITING!
HE REALLY MEANS IT, DOESN'T HE?
YOU KNOW HE LOVES TAKING DETOURS.
I'D FORGOTTEN THAT HE WAS LIKE THIS.
OKAY ... LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT IN THE TAVERN TONIGHT.
SORRY.
THIS MERCHANT HAS HIRED US AS BODY-GUARDS...
YOU REALLY DO LOVE TAKING DETOURS, DON'T YOU?

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